

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus, having comprising:

a plurality of control units; blocks and

a plurality of storage units; blocks, and

said plurality of control units including:

a main control unit operable to block, which is one of  
said plurality of control blocks, controlling the another  
of said plurality of control blocks-units to store-cause  
software read from a recording medium to be stored into a  
particular one of said plurality of storage units, said  
particular one of said plurality of storage units being  
selected by said main control unit, said another of said  
plurality of control units being associated with a portion  
of said plurality of storage units that includes said  
selected one of said plurality of storage units; blocks,  
said information processing apparatus comprising:

said another of said plurality of control units  
including:

first acquisition means for acquiring from said  
main control unit an instruction that indicates which  
one of said portion of said plurality of storage units  
is said selected one of said plurality of storage  
units associated with the storage of said software to  
be supplied from said main control block;

request means for requesting the software from  
said main control unit block for said software;

second acquisition means for acquiring said the  
requested software supplied in response to the request  
by said request means; and

storage control means for storing said the  
acquired software acquired by said second acquisition

~~means by controlling in said selected one of said plurality of storage units~~blocks.

2. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ instruction includes information associated with ~~said the~~ software and information associated with ~~any said selected one of said plurality of storage units~~blocks ~~in which said software is stored.~~

3. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said another of said plurality of control units further comprises:

storage block-unit setting means for selecting, from said portion of said plurality of storage unitsblocks, said selected one of said plurality of storage units, ~~that is specified by said instruction acquired by said first acquisition means and~~ for setting the said selected one of said plurality of storage units block ~~as a storage block for to storing said the software acquired by said second acquisition means, said storage control means storing said software into said storage block set by said storage block setting means.~~

4. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~still wherein said another of said plurality of control units~~ further comprises:

confirmation means for providing confirmation ~~as to whether said said storing of the software stored in said selected one of said plurality of storage units~~ block ~~under the control of said storage control means is was completed normally or not;~~ and

supply means for supplying ~~a the~~ confirmation result ~~obtained by said confirmation means to said main control unit~~block.

5. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein if, ~~on the basis of said the supplied confirmation result supplied from said supply means, the processing of storing said~~ indicates that said storing of the software into said selected one of said plurality of storage units block is found was completed normally completed, said main control ~~block controls unit~~ causes a display block unit to display information indicative of the normal completion ~~of said storage processing.~~

6. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein if, ~~on the basis of said the supplied confirmation result supplied from said supply means, the processing of storing said~~ indicates that said storing of the software into said selected one of said plurality of storage units was block is found not completed normally completed, said main control ~~block controls unit~~ causes a display unit block to display information indicating ~~that an error has occurred~~ taken place in the storage processing.

7. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage medium in which said software is stored is a removable memory card, and said main control ~~unit block~~ updates a stored program or stored data stored in said selected one of said plurality of storage blocks by use of a units with the program or with data acquired from said memory card.

8. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage control means compares first version information of said the software acquired by said second acquisition means with second version information of stored software stored in said selected one of said storage units block and, if ~~there is a the first version information and the second version information do not mismatch,~~ controls said storage block to store said control means updates

the stored software with the software acquired by said second acquisition means.

9. (currently amended) ~~In An information processing method for an information processing apparatus having a plurality of control units blocks and a plurality of storage units blocks, and the plurality of control units including a main control unit operable to block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the another of said the plurality of control blocks units to store cause software read from a recording medium to be stored into said a particular one of the plurality of storage units blocks, the particular one of the plurality of storage units being selected by the main control unit, the another of the plurality of control units being associated with a portion of the plurality of storage units that includes the selected one of the plurality of storage units, said an~~ information processing method comprising:

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units from the main control unit, an instruction that indicates which one of the portion of the plurality of storage units is the selected one of the plurality of storage units;

~~a request step for requesting, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the software from the main control unit block for said software;~~

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units, an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said the requested software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

~~a storage control step for storing, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the acquired software of which acquisition is controlled by said acquisition control step, by controlling said in the selected one of the plurality of storage units blocks on the~~

~~basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.~~

10. (currently amended) A ~~recording~~ computer-readable medium ~~recording a having~~ computer-executable readable program for carrying out an information processing method in an information processing apparatus having a plurality of control ~~units blocks~~ and a plurality of storage ~~unitsblocks~~, and ~~the~~ plurality of control units including a main control unit operable to block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the another of said the plurality of control blocks units to store cause software read from a recording medium to be stored into said a particular one of the plurality of storage unitsblocks, the particular one of the plurality of storage units being selected by the main control unit, the another of the plurality of control units being associated with a portion of the plurality of storage units that includes the selected one of the plurality of storage units, said computer-readable program information processing method comprising:

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units from the main control unit, an instruction that indicates which one of the portion of the plurality of storage units is the selected one of the plurality of storage units;

a request step for requesting, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the software from the main control unitblock for said software;

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units, an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said the requested software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

a storage control step for storing, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the acquired software of which acquisition is controlled by said

~~acquisition control step, by controlling said in the selected one of the plurality of storage units blocks on the basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.~~

11. (currently amended) A processor having a program executable by a computer for controlling carrying out an information processing method an information processing apparatus having a plurality of control units blocks and a plurality of storage units blocks, ~~and the plurality of control units including a main control unit operable to block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the another of said the plurality of control blocks units to store cause~~ software read from a recording medium to be stored into said a particular one of the plurality of storage units blocks, the particular one of the plurality of storage units being selected by the main control unit, the another of the plurality of control units being associated with a portion of the plurality of storage units that includes the selected one of the plurality of storage units, said program information processing method comprising:

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units from the main control unit, an instruction that indicates which one of the portion of the plurality of storage units is the selected one of the plurality of storage units;

~~a request step for requesting, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the software from the main control unit block for said software;~~

acquiring, by the another of the plurality of control units, an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said the requested software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

~~a storage control step for storing, said by the another of the plurality of control units, the acquired software of which acquisition is controlled by said acquisition control step, by controlling said in the selected one of the plurality of storage units blocks on the basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.~~

12. (new) The information processing method according to claim 9, wherein the instruction includes information associated with the software and information associated with said selected one of the plurality of storage units.

13. (new) The information processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

selecting, by the another of the plurality of control units from the portion of the plurality of storage units, the selected one of the plurality of storage units, and

setting, by the another of the plurality of control units, the selected one of the plurality of storage units to store the acquired software.

14. (new) The information processing method according to claim 9, further comprising:

providing confirmation, by the another of the plurality of control units, as to whether said step of storing the acquired software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was completed normally, and

supplying the confirmation to the main control unit.

15. (new) The information processing method according to claim 14, wherein if the supplied confirmation indicates that said step of storing the software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was completed normally, the main control unit causes display of information indicative of the normal completion.

16. (new) The information processing method according to claim 14, wherein if the supplied confirmation indicates that said step of storing the software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was not completed normally, the main control unit causes display of information indicating that an error has occurred.

17. (new) The information processing method according to claim 9, wherein the storage medium in which the software is stored is a removable memory card, and said information processing method updates a stored program or stored data in the selected one of the plurality of storage units with the program or with data acquired from the memory card.

18. (new) The information processing method according to claim 9, further comprising:

comparing, by the another of the plurality of control units, first version information of the acquired software with second version information of stored software in the selected one of the storage units, and

updating, by the another of the plurality of control units if the first version information and the second version information do not match, the stored software with the acquired software.

19. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 10, wherein the instruction includes information associated with the software and information associated with said selected one of the plurality of storage units.

20. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 19, wherein said information processing method further comprises:

selecting, by the another of the plurality of control units from the portion of the plurality of storage units, the selected one of the plurality of storage units, and



setting, by the another of the plurality of control units, the selected one of the plurality of storage units to store the acquired software.

21. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 10, wherein said information processing method further comprises:

providing confirmation, by the another of the plurality of control units, as to whether said step of storing the acquired software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was completed normally, and supplying the confirmation to the main control unit.

22. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein if the supplied confirmation indicates that said step of storing the software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was completed normally, the main control unit causes display of information indicative of the normal completion.

23. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein if the supplied confirmation indicates that said step of storing the software in the selected one of the plurality of storage units was not completed normally, the main control unit causes display of information indicating that an error has occurred.

24. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 10, wherein the storage medium in which the software is stored is a removable memory card, and said information processing method updates a stored program or stored data in the selected one of the plurality of storage units with the program or with data acquired from the memory card.

25. (new) The computer-readable medium according to claim 10, wherein said information processing method further comprises:

comparing, by the another of the plurality of control units, first version information of the acquired software with second version information of stored software in the selected one of the storage units, and

updating, by the another of the plurality of control units if the first version information and the second version information do not match, the stored software with the acquired software.